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SUBJECT: OKINAWA REVERSION-SECOND SESSION OF SENATE HEARINGS

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SECOND SESSION OF SFRC HEARINGS ON REVERSION AGREEMENT HELD MORNING OCT 28. DEP SECY PACKARD AND HICOM LAMPERT READ PREPARED STATEMENTS AT LOW-KEY SESSION WHICH LASTED LESS THAN TWO HOURS. IN CONTINUATION OF PATTERN ESTABLISHED IN YESTERDAY'S SESSION, MAJORITY OF COMMITTEE DISCUSSION DEALT WITH IMPLICATIONS OF OKINAWA REVERSION ON LARGER POLICY ISSUES SUCH AS US FAR EAST DEFENSE POSTURE, NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPLOYMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION'S RECENT CHINA INITIATIVES.

TODAY'S SESSION ALSO CHARACTERIZED, HOWEVER, BY MORE NUMEROUS QUESTIONS CONCERNING TREATY ITSELF AND US FORCE

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STRUCTURE ON OKINAWA. SPECIFICALLY, QUESTIONS DEALT WITH: DOLLAR VALUE OKINAWAN BASE STRUCTURE; SIZE OF BASE STRUCTURE; US CONTRIBUTIONS TO OKINAWAN STANDARD OF LIVING; PRO FORMA INQUIRY RE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS; DEFENSE SAVINGS ATTRIBUTABLE REVERSION; SIZE OF CUTBACKS IN US FORCES PERSONNEL AS RESULT TRANSFER OF DEFENSE RESPONSIBILITY; APPLICATION OF SOFA; PRIOR CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENT; TRANSFER COURT JURISDICTION; AND LEVEL OF ANTI-US SENTIMENT ON OKINAWA. COMMITTEE ALSO RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING FREEDOM OF INFO RE NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPLOYMENTS AND POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BASE FACILITIES IN TTPI. DEP SECY PACKARD'S RESPONSE ON NUKE QUESTION CONTAINED REF A. RESPONSES TO ALL OTHER QUESTIONS WERE ALONG PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED LINES WHICH COMMITTEE ACCEPTED READILY WITHOUT ATTEMPTING PROBE DEEPLY.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED OCT 29 WITH TWELVE WITNESSES ALLOTTED TEN MINUTES EACH. THOSE OPPOSING AGREEMENT INCLUDE SEVERAL OVERSEAS CHINESE WHO WISH TO OPPOSE REVERSION OF SENKAKUS, VFW NATIONAL COMMANDER VICITES, RETIRED 313TH AIR DIV COMMANDER DALE SMITH, AND HOWARD MCCLELLAN. SEN. TUNNEY SLATED TO TESTIFY IN FAVOR OF AGREEMENT. ROGERS

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